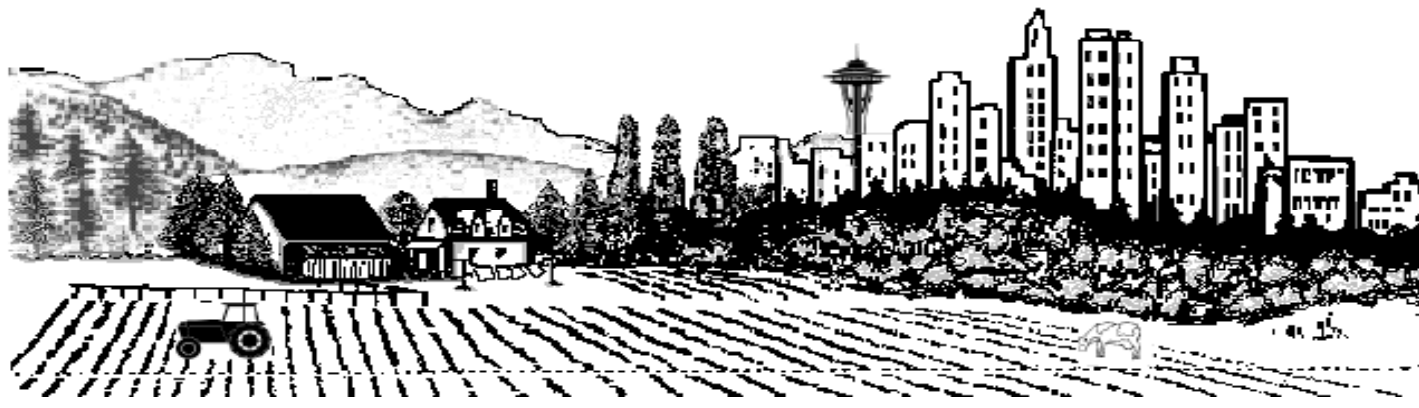




AG HAPPENINGS

January 2004



January

Western Washington Horticultural Association/Northwest Bulb Growers Association Convention and Trade Show

January 7-9 in *SeaTac, WA*

Visit www.wwha.wsu.edu

Livestock Farm Management Workshop Series

January 7, 14, & 21 in *Puyallup, WA*

Call 253-845-9770, ext 106 or email

renes@piercecountycd.org

Organic Seed Alliance 3rd Seed Growers Conference

January 9-11 in *Corvallis, OR*

Call 360-385-7192 or email matthew@seedalliance.org

WSU Extension Livestock Advisor Training

January 14- March 24 in *Renton, WA*

Call 206-205-3105, email greta.cook@metrokc.gov or visit

www.metrokc.gov/wsu-ce/Livestock/ELAttraining.htm

Designing & Building a Chicken Coop

January 17 in *Seattle, WA*

Call 206-633-0451 or visit www.seattletilth.org

90th Annual Northwest Food Manufacturing and Packaging Exposition

January 19-21 in *Portland, OR*

Call 503-327-2200 or visit www.nwfpa.org

24th Annual Ecological Farming Conference

January 21-24 in *Asilomar, CA*

Call 831-763-2111, email info@eco-farm.org or visit

www.eco-farm.org/efc/efc_main.html

Agricultural Entrepreneurship - Tilling the Soil of Opportunity

January 22- May 13 in *Puyallup, WA*

Call 253-445-4514 or email mrostrom@wsu.edu

USDA Crop Disaster Sign Up Program Ends

January 30 Visit disaster.fsa.usda.gov/

February

24th Annual Conference of Applied IPM Ecologists

February 1-3 in *Napa, CA*

Call 707-265-9349, email director@aaie.net or visit

www.aaie.net

Northwest Flower and Garden Show

February 4-8 in *Seattle, WA*

Call 206-789-5333

2004 Washington State New Farmers Market Training

February 29 in *Puyallup, WA*

Call 206-706-5198; email zach@wafarmersmarkets.com or

visit www.wafarmersmarkets.com

March

2004 Washington State Farmers Market Managers & Board Members Workshops

March 1-2 in *Puyallup, WA*

Call 206-706-5198; email : zach@wafarmersmarkets.com

or visit www.wafarmersmarkets.com

Small Farmer's Journal 2004 Draft Horse and Horse Drawn Equipment Auction and Swap Meet

March 16-18 in *Sisters, OR*

Call 541- 549-2064 or 800-876-2893

WSU Extension Workshop for Berry Growers

March 23 in *Vancouver, WA*

Call 360-576-6030 ext. 14

WSU Small Farm Expo

March 27 in *Enumclaw, WA*

Call 206-2-5-3105 or email greta.cook@metrokc.gov

Entrepreneurship & Business Planning Course

NX Level "Agricultural Entrepreneurship - Tilling the Soil of Opportunity"

Learn how to:

- * Identify and profit from trends in the marketplace.
- * Improve your quality of life and your land by maximizing small-acreage production.
- * Apply basic management principles to your small-farm operation.
- * Develop a business plan to better understand anew enterprise or even take to the bank when seeking financing

The course features a full line-up of guest speakers, including bankers, accountants, attorneys, and successful small-farm entrepreneurs.

Offered in the following locations:

Moscow, ID / Pullman, WA

Thursdays, January 15 - May 6

Call 208-885-7787 or email tbeaver@uidaho.edu

Port Hadlock, WA - Fridays, March 12 - May 7

Call 360-379-5610 or email magdalene@jefferson.wsu.edu

Port Orchard, WA - Wednesdays, January 21 - May 12

Call 360-337-7225 or email awbergstrom@wsu.edu

Puyallup, WA - Thursdays, January 22 - May 13

Call 253-445-4514 or email mrostrom@wsu.edu

Sequim, WA - Thursdays, February 12 - April 15

Contact: Curtis Beus, WSU Clallam County Extension
(360) 417-2280

beusc@wsu.edu

A sixth course, based on the curriculum "Building a Sustainable Rural Business," will be offered in:

Colville, WA - Tuesdays, January 13 - March 2

Call 509-684-2588 or email akowitz@wsu.edu

King and Pierce Counties Are Eligible For USDA Emergency Farm Loans

Farm producers who suffered a greater than 30 percent loss due to the flooding and are unable to obtain conventional credit may be qualified for low-interest emergency loans, provided eligibility requirements are met.

For more information contact:

USDA Farm Service Agency

Melissa Cummins, Program Specialist 509-323-3021 or

Chris Bieker 509- 323-3014 or email

chris.bieker@wa.usda.gov

Meetings

King County Agriculture Commission

2nd Thursday ~ Call 206-296-1471

King County Noxious Weed Control Board

Call 206-296-0290

King County Rural Forest Commission

2nd Wednesday ~ Call 206-205-5621

King-Pierce County Farm Bureau

3rd Tuesday ~ Call 360-825-1962

Pierce County Farm Commission

4th Monday ~ Call 253-445-4593

Pierce County Friends of Family Farms

1st Tuesday ~ Call 253-941-0604



Find info on local produce at: www.pugetsoundfresh.org

Seattle Tilth is currently seeking entries for the 2004 Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) Directory.

The Directory goes out to thousands of potential subscribers and is also used as a teaching tool for community supported agriculture.

Send information to: 4649 Sunnyside Ave N, Rm 1,
Seattle, WA 98103; call 206-633-0451 ext 1; or email

kathydang@seattletilth.org

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For more information on listed events and agriculture in King County, contact Washington State University Extension King County at 206-205-3100. Suggestions for classes, conferences, meetings, etc. are also welcome.

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